

## Queer Things Happening.

Last week the Kicker reprinted an article from Wilshire's Magazine, New York, telling of a meeting of the big business men and statesmen to discuss the situation. The capitalist papers tell little or nothing about such affairs. If they mention them at all it is to misrepresent their meaning and importance. It is their part of the play to keep the great mass of people in ignorance of economic conditions. Therefore they entertain you with comets, Doxey murders, Jeffreys-Johnson prize fights, base ball, and the Roosevelt menagerie.

But that New York meeting was very important. The president of the New York Central railroad is quoted as saying that, within 3 years this country would not be able to export a bushel of farm products unless home consumption decreased or production increased; that 163,798 American farmers had gone to Canada and took with them forty-one million dollars; that there were sixteen million acres of abandoned farm land in the United States, and that if the present trend of production and consumption could not be changed, there would be "turmoil, riot and bloodshed."

Congressman Bennett said that because of the increased cost of living and the resultant strikes, the railroads had been compelled to increase wages—and there is no way of getting this increase back; that when the exports failed the railroads would have nothing to haul in the shape of farm products, which is now their main stay.

Secretary Wilson, of the National Department of Agriculture said that if we got hungry over here we could not afford to buy food from foreign countries, because that blessed "balance of trade" against us is always paid in exports of farm products. In other words, we pay our interest and dividends to foreign holders of titles to our industries by handing over our surplus farm products, and if we have no surplus we can not do this—unless the workers can be made to submit to a lower standard of living and thereby decrease consumption at home.

Then, upon the heels of this meeting, came the declaration of Railroad President Ripley that the government would own the railroads within five years! Last week a Big Business meeting was held in Chicago, with J. Pierp Morgan's man present, and the Chicago Daily Socialist gives the report of the meeting as follows:

"Rate compromises with the packers and discussion of a plan to turn over to the government all of the railroads in the country are reported today to have been the object of secret conferences held by George W. Perkins, right hand man of J. P. Morgan & Co., during his brief visit here.

Perkins spent part of yesterday in close conference with the heads of western railroads, and the rest of the time was cloistered with the representatives of the big packing concerns. With the packers, it is reported, he discussed the present rate increase of the railroads, and reached a compromise which will forestall protests when the new schedule is filed with the interstate commerce commission.

The recent prediction of President Ripley of the Santa Fe, that the government would soon take over the railroads, lends color to the report that Perkins and the western magnates discussed a plan looking toward that end.

The railway magnates contend that, at present, their lines are not capitalized to their full value, and, according to the report, a series of conferences will be held for the purpose of agreeing on an increased capitalization, to be used as a basis in the proposed offer of sale to the government.

Commenting editorially on the statement, the Daily Socialist has this to say:

"President Ripley says that the national government will own the railroads inside of five years. It is possible. The growth of Socialism drove Germany to state capitalism, and the same cause may produce the same results here.

"It did not fool anybody in Germany. It will not here. It will simply tell the little when the workers get ready to operate the government in the interest of labor. Just now the change is being urged as a method by which the holders of insecure railroad stock may exchange it for government bonds.

"The government, state and national, built the railroads in the first place. The land grants and the local bonuses amounted to far more than the total cost of construction. Since they have been built they have been a suction pump with which to pump out the product of the workers in the city and on the farm, until these workers have paid for them two or three times over.

Now the unrest is growing. There is a demand that railroad extortion be checked. The immense cost of necessary terminal facilities cannot easily be met by increased rates. Middle-class reformers are demanding that the taxes of railroads be increased.

Under these conditions it is probable that the owners of the railroads would like to exchange their stock for government bonds. It will be a step forward even at that.

The next generation can decide what to do with the bonds.

Yes, unrest is growing, and the capitalists of industry fear the temper of the people. Things are happening these days, and if you don't want to know what is going on, don't read the Socialist papers. Read about prize fights, base ball and what the politicians are saying for publication.

### WHAT MUST WE DO TO BE SAVED?

Editor Kicker— Never before in the history of this nation has there existed such wide-spread, far reaching and universal discontent as now prevails throughout the land. Neither has there ever existed such general discussion of political and economic questions as now. Since the gathering clouds of the civil war there has not existed such violent, scathing, irresistible and unanswerable agitation as exists today.

It is a matter of but very little or no consequence whether or not the people in general can point out the causes of this unrest yet the fact of its existence there is for one moment deny.

All this unrest, ceaseless agitation and general discussion are only shadows cast before the oncoming struggle, which has long since found its existence among the careless and more ignorant element of mankind. Or, in other words, it is the wailing cry of a people who feel themselves being ground to atoms by the power of concentrated capital.

There is something seriously wrong we are all agreed. Just what that wrong is, we are not agreed. Mr. Taft has urged the people to "remedy the existing evils or Socialism will triumph and the institution of private property will perish." Just what the evils referred to by Mr. Taft are, he fails to make clear. Just how to remedy them he leaves us to figure out. But, from something published from a speech by his Royal Highness which appeared in the Kansas City Star of June 8, he belched up something that sounds like this: "Socialism is the greatest issue before the American people today."

Steady, boys! Look out! When our enemies acknowledge the existing power of Socialism, you may expect them to try to work enough Socialism into their platforms to deceive you and hand you a counterfeit—a gold brick! After pointing out a number of evil tendencies Mr. Taft says, "I believe there is no escape from the evil tendencies to which I have referred, except by inducing THE BAR TO CLEANSE ITSELF of who, in the interest of their clients, have forgot their duty as Americans to the court and as citizens."

When will the vultures cease to gather around the carcass and appease their hunger on putrid flesh? When will the wild skunk cease to emit an odor when in extreme agitation? When these things come to pass you may be in to look for clean-handed lawyers!

Seriously, what must we do to be saved. Let us take a look at the situation. We see, approximately, two million little children in the United States, many of which have not yet reached their 8th birthday, totling to keep from starving. We look again and see as many women in the mills and factories for the same reason. A third peep opens to our vision an army of unemployed—millions of strong men—constantly scouring the country in search of a chance to earn a living.

To speak of the women who are forced into the mills, factories, laundries, sweatshops and department stores as house wives and mothers is little short of irony. Home does not mean much to them. The little children that are growing up ignorant and stunted from overwork and lack of school training, are to be the mothers and fathers of the next generation. Bright outlook eh? With the national government in the hands of a set of soulless crafters whose every aim is profit and plunder and an executive as helpless as a crippled rat in the possession of a Tom Cat, and a federal judiciary more tyrannical in its dealings with labor than the crowned heads of the old world.

What must we do to be saved? To whom shall we go for a solution of this problem? Shall we go to the clergy, who claim to enjoy a source of Divine inspiration, or revelation from Almighty God? If we do, we are met by a gang of hypocrites a thousand fold worse than those Christ drove from the Temple.

Marx and Engel, in the Communist Manifesto, said the laboring class cannot expect any relief by the innate goodness of the master class, but only thru the conscious action of the laboring class itself. The workers, years ago, developed sufficient intelligence to see

the necessity of unity of action on the industrial field, and they are beginning to see the necessity of united political action. And that is what is causing the masses class to sit up and take notice. Unity of action on the industrial field was so easily handled with the injunction, you know. But when they see us going to the ballot box united, then they begin to show the whites of their eyes and admit that Socialism is really an issue that must be met. Jails and policemen's clubs have not silenced it in the least.

Socialism is the working class side of the class struggle. It is a working class problem and must be solved by the workers. Workers must see and understand their own material interests. The Socialist party is the only party that stands for the interests of the toilers. It is the only party on earth that opposes wars and declares for the collective ownership of the means of life.

There never existed an evil with out a cause, and we claim, and can prove, that capitalism is responsible for our present ills, and under proper conditions these will disappear as dew before an August sun. So let us march on and on to victory under the call of Marx. "Workers of the world, unite; you have nothing to lose but your chains, and a world to gain."

John Richardson.

Paulding, Mo.

### THE CHOICE.

Anita C. Block in Progressive Woman.

"The woman was very unhappy. No one seemed to understand her cravings and she felt lonely and dissatisfied. 'Oh, for something in life that will make me happy!'" And one night, when it seemed to her that she could bear her pain no longer, she became startled by the feeling of a presence in the room.

"I am the God of the Modern World," said the Presence, "and I have come in answer to your cry for happiness."

"Oh, have you the power to give me happiness?" asked the woman, eagerly.

"I have the power to lay before you a choice," replied the God of the Modern World, "and whatever your choice shall be, that shall I have the power to give you."

The woman's eagerness grew less, and with a trembling voice she murmured: "Between what must I make my choice? What is it that you can grant me?"

"I can grant you personal happiness," responded the Presence, slowly—and at that the woman rose with a quick, glad cry, "I can grant you the power of rendering social service."

As he finished the woman sank down again, looking before her with fixed, frightened eyes.

"What do you mean?" she asked suddenly. "Must I choose the one at the expense of the other?"

"That I cannot tell you," was the answer. "I can tell you nothing, save that if you choose at all, you must choose definitely the one or the other."

"Oh, how can I do that?" cried the woman, wildly. "I want personal happiness! I want to live a rich, personal life! I want to know pleasure and joy! But I have ideals, ideals, not only for myself, but for humanity. I years to be useful, to help all mankind to be happier. Oh, such a choice is unfair! It is cruel to have to choose between two things both so dearly to be desired!"

"But that is exactly what you must do," said the God of the Modern World, quietly, "so make your decision."

"Yes, I am ready to make my decision," said the woman fiercely. "I have a right to personal happiness. Why shall I not seize it? Every human being has a right to personal happiness!"

But as she spoke these words there arose before her the long lines of poorly-clad toilers, men, women and children shivering obeying the summons of the factory bell in the cold gray of day-break. There arose before her the thousands of mere babies playing in filthy gutters amid the stench of garbage. There arose before her the army of tender young girls who go out upon the streets to ply their trade, after the sun goes down. These were all human beings. These were the personal happiness they were entitled to?

Very quietly, very subduedly the woman stood there, but the light in her eyes shone steady and clear.

"Yes I am ready to render my decision," she repeated.

"I choose the power to render social service!"

Years passed and the woman, now no longer young, and scared as one who fights erect in the front battle of life must become scarred, sat musing in the dusk. Her face revealed much, with its firm, yet sweet mouth, sharp, yet kind, eyes, alert, yet contented, expression.

"How vividly I remember that night," she said, smiling to herself, "when, choosing I thought I had renounced happiness. Little did I dream that on that very night I chose—happiness!"

Surely the Republican legislators of Illinois must feel "sore" at learning that they did, for nothing what the Democratic legislators got \$1,000 a piece for doing. It is enough to make Democrats of them all.

### RIGHT OF WOMEN TO VOTE.

Katherine Debs in Appeal.

To my mind there is no valid argument against the right of women to vote on equal terms with men. The proposition is self-evident that woman, being a human being and a citizen, of the community the same as man, is entitled to equal rights, privileges and opportunities.

Let me ask this simple question: What justice is there in compelling women to obey laws they have no voice in enacting? This question has never been answered, and never can be answered, except in one way.

If woman is less than a human being, less than a citizen, a mental weakling, requiring man as a guardian; if she is not the property appendage and convenience of her lord and master, then I submit she ought not to have the right to vote, but should, in all meekness, resign herself to her divinely (?) appointed lot, the echo of her husband, the servant of her sovereign, satisfied to spend all the days of her life in the realm of mental inferiority and political non-existence.

But woman has all the essential qualities of man, not excepting mentality and initiative, and if she is to develop the best there is in her, she must be free and she must be the equal of man in respect to every right and every opportunity required for the untrammelled expression of her voice and will.

Lester F. Ward, greatest of American sociologists, says: "We have no conception of the real amount of talent, or of genius, possessed by woman." No, for the reason that woman has never had the chance to unfold, to develop, her latent powers and energies, and to show the world what she is really capable of accomplishing.

But there has been a wonderful change of sentiment upon the woman question during the last few years and the change will be still greater during the years immediately before us. Old prejudices, ignorant customs and barbaric traditions are being swept aside.

The new spirit, the spirit of the coming social democracy, is asserting itself everywhere, and the world is beginning to heed its cry and to re-shape its institutions, based upon mutual economic interests and the absolute equality of the sexes.

As a Socialist I see no reason why woman should not be the comrade of her husband upon equal terms, in all the social, moral and political affairs of life as well as in the struggle for existence, and I am proud that the Socialist party, the party that is spreading so rapidly over all the world proclaims as one of its cardinal principles, that woman is, and ought to be, and shall be, the equal of man in all essential respects, and his inferior in none.

Those who declare that to engage in politics would degrade man will pardon me if I venture to suggest that they would BETTER CHANGE THEIR POLITICS. The kind of politics that will degrade a woman will also degrade a man and no man ought to engage in the kind of politics that degrades his wife and mother.

As for the women who protest that they do not need and do not want the ballot, I think they unconsciously offer the strongest possible evidence in favor of the ballot.

But it is particularly in the name of the five millions of wage-working women in this nation that I raise my voice in behalf of unrestricted woman suffrage, where women have to go out in the world and compete with men in industry, in business, in education and professional life, and why should they not have the same political rights and privileges? As a rule they are the victims of the most unjust discrimination in respect to wages and treatment, because they lack even the limited means of self-defense with which their male competitors are provided by their manhood suffrage.

If the pampered pets of society do not want to vote, the working women do, and for reasons that no society, such as Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, and all her brilliant sophistry can successfully deny.

Thirty years ago Susan B. Anthony, the noblest champion of woman suffrage in the early days of the movement, was treated with almost brutal contempt by the "better element" of society in the city of Terre Haute; today her name is honored throughout the civilized world.

The cause of woman's rights is advancing with the cause of man's intelligence, and no matter how many obstacles may be put in its way by ignorance, prejudice and selfish interest, the time is coming when woman will be the equal of man, when both will be free, when society will rise to a higher plane and enter into a larger and nobler life.

SOCIALIST SPEAKING.

Comrade McAllister will address the people on Socialism as follows:

Crowder, July 1, 8 p. m.  
Vanderuser, July 2, 8 p. m.  
Morley, July 3, 8 p. m.  
Oran, July 4, afternoon and night.

Chaffee, July 5, 8 p. m.  
Hear him and ask any questions you wish. He will pause for questions. He is out to teach, and not to befuddle the voter. From July 6 to 16 he will spend in Richland township.

Alex B. Thompson, Co. Sec.

### THE GREAT REFORMERS.

In off years the Democratic party is a great reform party. Joe Folk still has a large following among those Democrats who nurse the delusion that the party can be purified from within.

Two years ago Folk was a candidate for the United States senate. But the machine wanted Bill Stone—and Bill Stone got it. Every machine organ in the state was again Folk.

But it is different now. The machine needs something to "reform confidence" and get the "reform element" in line. There is no president to be elected this fall, and every machine organ is howling itself hoarse about "Folk for president in 1912."

Of course it will be different by 1912. It is only done to catch suckers. And the crop of suckers does not seem to be afflicted with race suicide.

They worked the same trick four years ago. They hauled Bryan thru the state on a special train and made a big noise about it. He spoke at Sikeston. No doubt they will haul Folk around by special train this fall along with Dave Francis and Jim Reed.

But the Republicans are as hard pressed as the Democrats. They are hopelessly divided—administration and anti-administration, stand-patters and insurgents. The Taft reign has been very unpopular with the masses of the central and western states, and local politicians in these states—excepting postmasters and other federal appointees—are again the government.

For want of something better to hold their following the insurgents have been pointing eastward to Roosevelt. The Terrible Teddy would straighten things out when he comes home. He was to be their Moses.

Now Teddy is home—and the insurgents are asking themselves, "What will he do? Their play is at an end. They can no longer satisfy their following with promises. The Big Noise is on the scene."

"What will he do? Why, Roosevelt won't do anything but stand for the camera and make a noise. That is all he ever did do, and it is all he can do. With a string of well-paid newspaper reporters about him he heaves a shovel of coal into a ship's furnace and gets his picture on the front page of all the newspapers of the system. He believes in advertising."

As to the situation within his own party, he will try to be on both sides. He may try to bring about harmony between the wolves and the sheep—and then let the wolves devour the sheep. But it is nonsense to believe that he will stand by the insurgents. Taft is a Wall Street product. Just as Roosevelt is, in fact, Mr. Roosevelt "appointed" Mr. Taft as his successor to carry out "my policies." And he is doing it.

What is there to Roosevelt, anyway? Stop the slush in the system newspapers and Roosevelt is nothing. Yet the system's government fired a salute of twenty guns on his arrival in New York—just as despotisms do as a tribute to their rulers. It was an insult to every intelligent American.

### AFRAID OF A WORD.

From Saturday Evening Post.

President Taft's latest statement of his purpose, in a recent magazine, makes it clear once more that, when it comes to the trust, all political parties, except the SOCIALISTS, are at sea in the same boat. They see the same problem and propose to deal with it in the same way. This problem, arising from the long continued, steady drift toward monopolistic combinations. Regular Republicans and Democrats propose to handle it by checking the drift—breaking up monopolistic combinations that now exist and preventing new ones. We think this program utterly futile, partly because the country has been following it for twenty years, during which time everlarger and more powerful combinations have been formed. It is only in respect to railroads that the country has made any progress whatever in coping with monopolistic combinations; and with regard to the country's progress in that particular, President Taft says: "I am utterly opposed to Socialism; but in the powers given the Government to fix rates it must be admitted that, in our relation to railroad corporations, we have gone a long way in the direction of Socialism."

In other words, then, it is by being "socialistic" that we have had any success whatever in dealing with monopolistic combinations; and if the "socialistic" way is the successful way, why doesn't somebody propose to follow it further? Is it because we are frightened at a word?

Factory inspection and child-labor laws are socialistic, also, but we do not hesitate to adopt them, nor do we adopt them without an end to the trust problem without an interstate Commerce Commission having jurisdiction over industrial combinations, and which ever party first frankly adopts that "socialistic" expedient will probably score an advantage.

See your neighbor. If he is not a reader of the Kicker, see that he is.

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### IT AINT LIKE IT USED TO BE.

It aint like it used to be in Scott county, and as Socialism spreads there will be a change throughout the nation. The ruling class does not feel and show its importance as it once did, nor do the masses show the same servility and adoration. In fact, it is getting to be about as "respectable" in this county—outside of Sikeston where they still welcome home rich ex-convicts with brass bands and parades—to belong to one class as the other.

What the rich want is power, pomp, display and the plaudits of the multitude. Without this they are miserable—no matter how much wealth they may have. Each has but one stomach to satisfy and one body to adorn. The rest is all display—which really is regarded by them as their "work." And when the masses refuse to applaud they get nothing for their "work." It is then that their heads droop.

Among themselves they find little comfort. They strut and "put on" yet each is envious of the other and, if let alone, will soon fight and quarrel among themselves. For it is their nature. Their main aim, the survival of the fittest, is borrowed from savagery, when brute force was the measure of man. While they have substituted cunning and the police force for brute force, yet they continue the struggle for existence along ancient lines.

But it aint like it used to be in Scott county. When a worker deals with one of the propertied class he no longer bows, paws and scrapes and tips his hat seeking "accommodations." He now is "on it" that he goes to the boss to secure the best terms he can, and that, because of unjust laws, the boss holds the whip hand. He knows that no matter what arrangements he may make, he will still be robbed of a large share of his labor. And for this he has ceased to take off his hat, bow and scrape and thank the boss for the "accommodation."

No, it aint what it used to be in Scott county. While the bosses of the county still hold the title to the land and property, they don't feel their importance as the used to when their newspaper organs told of how they "developed" the country. And the bigger Socialism gets, the smaller the boss will appear. And that is why he opposes Socialism. Can you blame him?

ABOUT THE PRIMARY.

Election laws are changed so often that, by the time the voters begin to get an insight into one system, another is given them. This is purposely done to prevent anything like an intelligent expression of the masses. Election laws are not framed for the intelligent use and convenience of the voters, but for their confusion. They are designed to prevent the registering of the will of the people, rather than an expression of it. The voter goes to the polls to play at a game he knows nothing about. Either he loses his vote, or else votes as instructed by an ever-ready politician.

What I want to point out here is the uselessness of the Socialists going to the polls at all—except those near the voting places who will not be inconvenienced by so doing. The Socialists care nothing about the primary and go in to it only because it is a requirement of the law. But we don't need any capitalist laws to run our party affairs. The membership will attend to that. But the law says we must perform certain stunts before we can put our candidates before the people, and Socialists are law-abiding.

But, as to voting, let us take the candidates for justice in this township. The Democrats have three candidates, the Socialists none and the Republicans none. For a Socialist to vote for either of these he would have to vote the Democratic ticket. And no SOCIALIST will vote any capitalist ticket.

Let me explain: If you write the names of one or two of these candidates on the Socialist ticket it would be counted AS YOUR CHOICE AS THE SOCIALIST NOMINEE. Only the head or title of the ticket counts as to party, and all names under that head are registered as your choice for that party. Hence, if you want your vote to count for any person running on any other ticket than your own, you must vote the ticket on which his name appears.

There are only a few contest for nominations on the capitalist tickets. Let them settle it among themselves. It is none of our business and only a screen for jobs. No matter which of them is successful, YOU LOSE! The business interests of the county will remain in the saddle.

### SAME OLD JOKE.

Democratic and Republican committeemen in the three big cities will try to agree upon a home rule bill to be presented to the next legislature for enactment. Southeast Missouri Republican.

As a humorist the editor of the Republican is good—almost as entertaining as the biennial "home rule" planks in the capitalist party platforms.

Of course they will have home rule in the platforms of both old party platforms. Haven't they had it there ever since Heck was a pup? And where is your home rule for the cities?

Nonsense! It is only a "bait." The people of the cities will not be allowed to govern themselves so long as Big Business rules. If

it should happen that the mayor, or the police, should not be of the "right sort," then Big Business wants to be able to call on the governor and the state troops for "protection." And if the governor don't move fast enough, they want to be able to call on president for national troops—as was the case in Chicago in 1894.

Capital wants to be able to call on the highest power in the land for protection—where it is most strongly entrenched. So shup up about "home rule" and spring up some other joke—the tariff, for instance.

### IN THE CIRCUS COURT.

The adjourned term of the circus court "took out" last week. Just what was the object of its meeting, nobody seems to know. Since there appeared nothing on hand, the sheriff was ordered by the court to dig up a grand jury. He brought in V. L. Harris, W. E. Walker, W. H. Heisserer, James Walker, J. E. Morrow, J. E. Farr, Joe Akley, Robert Wade, Elmer Henry and B. Hugh Smith, all of Benton postoffice, and Wade Anderson and Andy Miller, of Commerce.

Since half of these were either stockholders, or related to stockholders, of the court house organ, the printing graft was not investigated. What seemed to stir "the party" was what they regarded as an attempt to bribe one of their officials. J. J. Astor, of Chaffee, signed the bond of the alleged briber, and his solvency was questioned. It would never do to let a man charged with so grave and unpardonable offense as that get away. Astor had testified to his solvency, and this is said to have inspired the special grand jury. The bond was \$300, and our wise "business administration" spends probably that much of the people's money in "investigating" it.

I don't know much about the alleged bribery affair and, therefore, will just take an off-hand shot at it. Albert Schuette is a poor man working, or was working as janitor at the Astor hotel, in Chaffee. And it is he who is accused of the unthinkable gall of attempting to bribe Squire Heister. It sounds like a joke. Yet it may be that, in his ignorance, Albert went at it in the rough. On such occasion one should hire a lawyer who understands the technical distinction between a bribe and a "fee."

Mr. Astor, Schuette's employer, qualified on his bond for \$300. He was arrested, charged with perjury on an indictment found by the grand jury. He was brought before the court and I heard him testify. He appeared to make no attempt to hide anything. He said he owned property here and in Memphis that he regarded worth at least \$65,000, and that his indebtedness would not exceed \$45,000. There was no evidence to the contrary, so far as I heard, Judge Ranney overruled a motion to quash the indictment, and the matter was continued until October—Mr. Astor being released on \$500 bond.

What has Astor done to "the party"? Where is there another man controlling a like amount of wealth whose solvency would be questioned on a \$300 bond? It was shown that he was slow in meeting some obligations. That is not unusual among business men. Many of our business men would be crushed if creditors demanded immediate settlement, and but few banks could stand the strain. A "run" on any bank generally cleans it up. Yet the solvency is not questioned.

The only other indictments by the grand jury were against Tony Heisserer and Theo. Pfefferkorn. Evidence that they got "dry" and were charged with breaking into Dannemueller's saloon, at Keosauqua, to "wet up." The charges of burglary and larceny. Heisserer pled guilty to burglary, got three years, and was paroled. Pfefferkorn gave bond for appearance in October.

A civil case, Ann Ruggles vs. A. Baudendistel and W. F. Curtis, indemnifying bond, was dismissed. And the show closed until October.

### ATTENTION! FARMERS.

Our next county meeting will be with New Harmony local, three miles northwest of Sikeston, the 2d Tuesday and Wednesday in July. Conveyance will meet trains at Sikeston and Salcedo. Every union member in the county is invited.

The brothers of New Harmony are making every effort to make this a successful meeting, and our state president and state organizer will be with us, and other speakers of note.

Everybody is invited to the public speaking at a collock of the first evening. Dinner will be served on the grounds on Wednesday, and a public address by the state president. Delegates to the state meeting and county officers are to be elected at this meeting. Let every local be represented. J. W. Adams, Co. Chairman.

### IT SOUNDED HOPEFUL.

A young man who was not particularly entertaining was monopolizing the attention of a pretty debutante with a lot of uninteresting conversation.

"Now, my brother," he remarked in the course of a dissertation on his family, "is just the opposite of me in every respect. Do you know my brother?"

"No," she replied demurely, "but I should like to."

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